

Plymouth Light to be moved

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PLYMOUTH — The Coast Guard yesterday announced plans to move the Plymouth Light lighthouse away from a bluff that threatens to erode beneath it.

The 34-foot shingled tower, built in 1843, is the nation's oldest wooden lighthouse.

It now stands 50 feet from the water, but the Coast Guard wants to move it 210 feet farther before winter weather sets in.

The cost of the project has not yet been determined.

Also known as Gurnet Light, the octagonal structure marks the entrance to Plymouth Harbor and Duxbury Bay.

The original lighthouse came under cannon fire from a British frigate during the Revolutionary War, but was unscathed. It later burned down.